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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in this connexion, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that on the 4th April 1954 the Superintendent of the Mental Hospital called one Kabali, a worker in the hospital, to his bungalow and beat him so severely that he fell down unconscious? May I also know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have received any report in this matter or whether they have made any enquiries in this regard? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not see any connexion between this supplementary question and the collection of 4 annas from the hospital staff."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, the worker was beaten for failure to collect the sum of 4 annas."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have no information. This is the first time I hear about this matter."

Supply of electricity to Jayankondan.

* 1224 *Q.*—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Panchayat Board, Jayankondan, Tiruchirappalli district, to advance a loan to the Kumbakonam Electric Supply Corporation for extending the supply of electricity to Jayankondan and the surrounding parts; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) ' Yes '.

" (*b*) The Government Electricity Department has suggested to the South Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, that if they are willing to surrender certain areas allotted to them, including Udayarpalayam taluk, the question of the Government taking over the areas will be considered. If this materializes, extension of supply to the area by the Government Electricity Department will be examined. Till a decision is taken on the above, the question of granting loan to the Kumbakonam Electric Licensee for taking up the extension to Udayarpalayam taluk will not arise especially as it is not possible at present, for technical reasons, to increase supply of power to this licensee."

Hindu Hostel, Cuddalore.

* 1225 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government subsidize the Hindu Hostel at Tirupapuliyur at Cuddalore, South Arcot district;

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(*b*) how many people are maintained in the hostel at present;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the hostel authorities are not admitting students belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the hostel; and

(*d*) if so, why the Government have not taken any action in the matter so far?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) There is no Hindu Hostel at Tirupapuliyur but there is one Hindu Hostel located at the Beach Road, Pudupalayam, Cuddalore N.T. It is not subsidized or otherwise aided by the Government. In this hostel there are 50 inmates at present. No application from the Scheduled Caste pupils has been received so far, for admission into the hostel and there was therefore no occasion for Government to take any action in the matter."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" குறிப்பிட்ட ஹாஸ்டலில் ஹரிஜன மாணவர்களுடைய மனுக்கள் வரவில்லையென்பதை விசாரணை செய்து அறிக்கை சமர்ப்பிப்பதற்கு யாரை சர்க்கார் நியமித்திருந்தார்கள்? அப்படி விசாரணை செய்யப்பட்ட தகவல் அந்த ஜில்லாவிலுள்ள கல்வி அதிகாரியின் மூலமாக சர்க்காருடைய கவனத்திற்கு கொண்டுவரப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா?

" ஹோட்டல்களிலே ஹரிஜனங்களை அனுமதிக்க மறுக்கின்றவர்களைக்கூட அரசாங்கம் தண்டிக்கும்போது, ஹாஸ்டலில் மாணவர்களைச் சேர்க்கும் விஷயத்தில் பாரபட்சம் காட்டுவதற்குக் காரணமென்ன என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this is not a public place. It is a private hostel run by a private management. The management are not getting any aid or assistance from the Government. Under these circumstances, we cannot compel them to conform to certain regulations."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஹரிஜன மாணவர்கள் இந்த ஹாஸ்டலில் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளப்படுவதற்கு மனுக்கள் போடவில்லை என்று குறிப்பிடுவதற்கு ஆதாரம் என்ன? அதனை ஆராய்வதற்கு எந்த அதிகாரியை சர்க்கார் நியமித்தார்கள் என்று கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறுவார்களா?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, we called for a report from the Collector and on the basis of it, I have given my reply. Apart from this, I have also pointed out the correct legal position in regard to this matter."

Free grazing facilities in Government forests of Malabar.

* 1226 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government allow free grazing facilities in Government forests of Malabar for cattle including goats of private owners; and

(*b*) if not, the rate of fees levied for such grazing?